

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to improve clarity. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. Election of Species Requirement

In response to an October 17, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, Species A, to which claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are directed, was elected. Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 continue to read on the elected species. Further, claims 12 and 13 also read on the elected species. Claim 9 has been withdrawn from consideration. Rejoinder of claim 9 is respectfully requested upon the allowance of any of generic claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 10-13.

II. November 17, 2008 Telephone Interview

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Leyson during the November 17, 2008 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claims 1 and 7 are amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion during the November 17, 2008 telephone interview, claim 1 has been amended to recite "a second drawing cylinder that rotates about a second axle, the second axle being offset in a forward direction and in a vertical direction with respect to the first axle." Further, the third drawing cylinder and fourth drawing cylinders features have been amended similarly. As agreed to during the November 17, 2008 telephone interview, these amendments to claim 1 obviate the §112, first paragraph, rejection of claim 1.

Further, claim 7 has been amended to recite "the motorized rotational drive means drives the first drawing cylinder and the second drawing cylinder in synchronism or almost in synchronism" (emphasis added). As agreed to during the November 17, 2008 telephone interview, clear support for this amendment may be found at least at pg. 7, lines 35-39 of the specification. Therefore, claim 7 complies with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

As the rejection of claims 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is based solely on their various dependencies from claim 1 or claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10-13 also comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended responsive to this rejection.

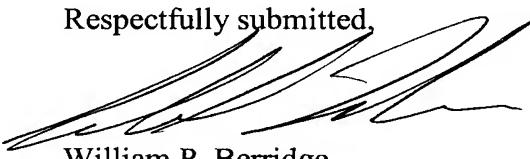
Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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